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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Norbert S. PARSONEAULT et al.

Application No.: 10/815,130

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Art Unit: 2627

For: FLUID DYNAMIC BEARING SPINDLE  
MOTOR

Examiner: C. Renner

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated July 25, 2006 (Paper No. 20060721), for which a response is due on August 25, 2006.

The Examiner has required restriction between the following inventions as required under 35 U.S.C. §121:

- I. Claims 1-14, drawn to a "fluid dynamic bearing motor", classified in class 384, subclass 107.
- II. Claims 15-20, drawn to a "disc drive spindle motor", classified in class 360, subclass 99.08.

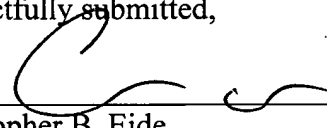
Applicant hereby elects Group I, (claims 1- 14) without traverse.

Applicant expressly reserves the right under 35 U.S.C. §121 to file a divisional application directed on the nonelected subject matter during the pendency of this application, or an application claiming priority from this application.

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